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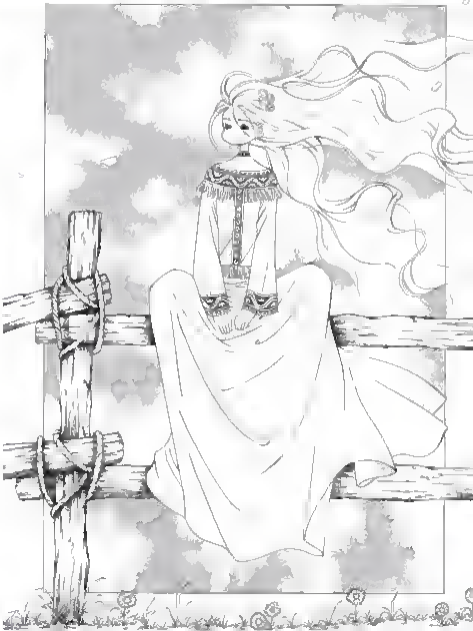
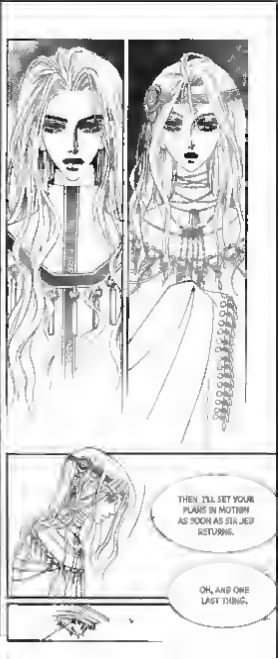
# Boy Princess



I HAVE RETURNED.
YOU'RE LATE.
THK
SO, WHAT HAPPENED? IS SHE TRULY PREGNANT?
.....
YES, IT IS SO.
THEN, GET RID OF IT.
JUD'S BABY WILL CREATE PROBLEMS IF IT'S BORN BEFORE IRENE'S CHILD.
THE PRINCESS IS RATHER WEAK AT THIS MOMENT. MY POTION WILL DO MORE DAMAGE THAN ITS INTENDED PURPOSE.
ALL THE BETTER.

JUST LEAVE A TRACE TO MAKE JEB SUSPECT THAT WE'RE BEHIND IT
IT WON'T BE DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO GUESS SINCE WE KILLED HIS MOTHER IN THE SAME MANNER.
HE WAS LAYING LOW SO LOW THAT WE MIGHT HAVE CONSIDERED HIM DEAD. I THOUGHT HE WAS ONLY KEEPING HIS WIFE FOR DUTY'S SAKE, BUT NOW HE GOES AND IMPREGNATES HER.
HE'S EITHER PLOTTING A NEW SCHEME OR HE'S DEVELOPED FOOLISH FEELINGS TOWARDS HIS WIFE.

I'M FINE EITHER WAY BECAUSE THIS TIME HE WILL MOST CERTAINLY ACT
ALL HE HAS TO DO IS WALK INTO DEREK'S SNARE.


THEN, I'LL SET YOUR PLANS IN MOTION AS SOON AS SIR JEB RETURNS.
OH, AND ONE LAST THING.

LOOK AFTER THE CROWN PRINCESS AND PREPARE A POTION THAT WILL HELP HER CONCEIVE.
SHE WILL BE TENSE, SO GO TO HER ROOM AND LIGHT SOME INCENSE AND SUCH BEFORE DEREK VISITS
YES, YOUR HIGHNESS.
Tok
HE'S SUCH A DISAGREEABLE CHILD. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO READ HIS INTENTIONS FROM HIS FACE.
HAVE YOU FOUND OUT ABOUT FATHER'S NEW BRIDE?
WELL, HIS MAJESTY TRULY IS SMITTEN! YOU CAN'T DENY.
APPAREN TLY, HE'S WOOING THE DAUGHTER OF A PROVINCIAL LORD TO DIMINISH THE RISING POWER OF THE IN-LAWS... BUT SHE'S TOO OLD.
OH, I ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU WONDER, HOW SHE REMAINED UNWED ALL THESE YEARS.

...
HMMM.
HIS MAJESTY... YOUR FATHER.
IS MUCH STRONGER AND MORE FEARSOME THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE.
EVEN IF YOU BREAK JER.. IT MAY NOT BE OVER.
I'M AWARE OF THE SITUATION

...SEEMS YOUR AUDIENCE.
?
WHO?

.....
SUCH CRUEL PEOPLE...
SO AS YOU WISH.
I'VE PREPARED SOME SOOTHING INCENSE FOR YOUR CHAMBER. MAY I ENTER AND SET IT UP?
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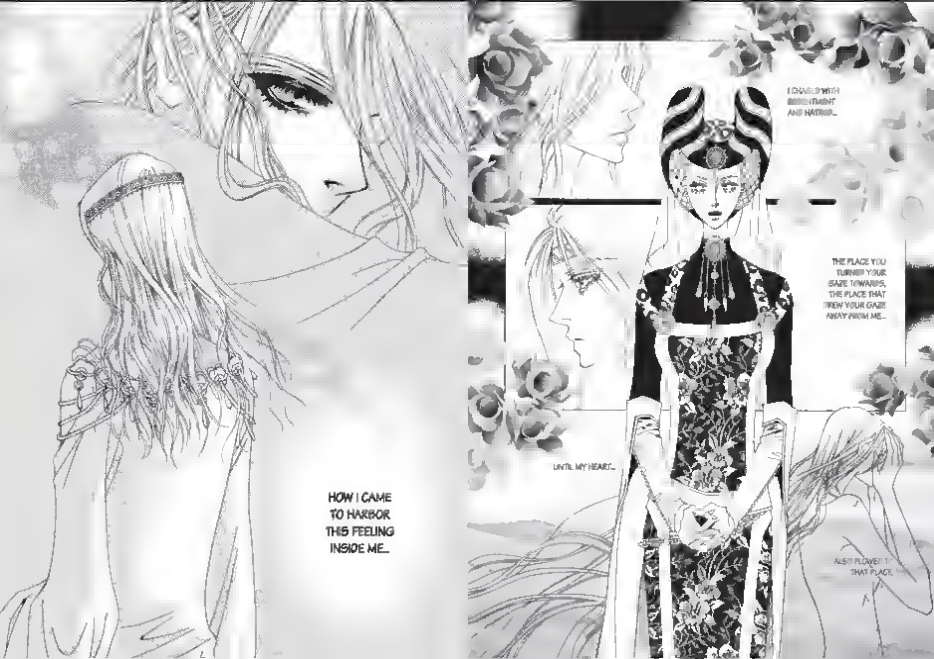
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
IS IT AN ORDER FROM MY MOTHER-IN-LAW?
ITS ALL BECAUSE OF YOU.


HOW I CAME
TO HARBOR
THIS FEELING
INSIDE ME...
I DWELT WITH
RESENTMENT
AND HATRED...
THE PLACE YOU
TURNED YOUR
GAZE TOWARDS,
THE PLACE THAT
DREW YOUR GAZE
AWAY FROM ME...
UNTIL MY HEART...

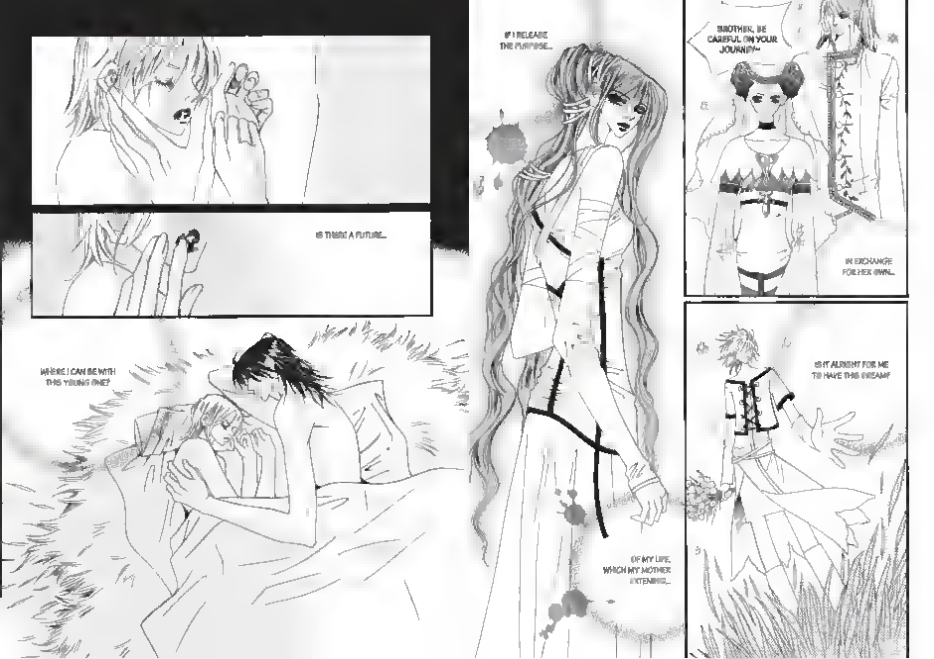
AHHH, I DESPISE YOU
NO... AS MUCH AS THAT...
I LOVE YOU.
THE OTHER, I WON'T RELEASE UNTIL I DIE.
HOW DO I EXPLAIN THESE FEELINGS?

WHAT DO I DO? I'M HAPPY WE'RE ALONE TOGETHER BUT...

I SAID WE HAVE ENOUGH FIRE WOOD. WHY DO YOU KEEP GOING OUT WHEN IT'S DANGEROUS?
KRACKLE
BECAUSE MY HEART MIGHT JUMP OUT OF MY CHEST WHEN WE'RE ALONE TOGETHER. THAT'S WHY.
HERE.
EEK! IT FEELS LIKE IT'S JUMPED UP TO MY THROAT (MY HEART)
WILL IT COME OUT IF I COUGH HARD ENOUGH? (MY HEART)
NO THANKS!
YOU THINK I'M STILL A BABY WHO SLEEPS ON SOMEBODY'S LAP?

HMMM ..
YOU WERE A BABY WHEN I LAST CHECKED.
SMALL AND STILL UNRIPE...
?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU! YOU WEREN'T THIS KIND OF A CHARACTER BEFORE!!
MWHAA
YOU SHAMELESS PERVERT!
I'M A MAN WITH A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD OF HIM! TAKE THAT BACK!! TAKE THAT BACK!!
REALLY?
THEN...

SHALL WE CHECK ONE MORE TIME TO SEE IF THAT'S TRUE OR NOT?
EEYOOW! HALT! I SAID STOP!! YOU SEXAHOLIC!


IS THERE A FUTURE...
WHERE I CAN BE WITH THIS YOUNG ONE?
IF I RELEASE THE PURPOSE...
OF MY LIFE, WHICH MY MOTHER ENTRUSTED...
BROTHER, BE CAREFUL ON YOUR JOURNEY~
IN EXCHANGE FOR HER OWN...
IS IT ALRIGHT FOR ME TO HAVE THIS DREAM?

THAT'S TOO DANGEROUS OF A GAMBLE.
HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE THEM AND ENTRUST NICOLE TO THEM?
SUPPOSE I PROMISE IN THE NAME OF MY DECEASED MOTHER?
WILL NOT LOSE THIS YOUNG ONE LIKE I LOST MY MOTHER. NEVER.
I WANT LOSE HIM

YOU'RE WORKING HARD, SHOULDN'T YOU GO TO BED SOON SINCE YOU'RE LEAVING EARLY TOMORROW?
PRINCESS REMY. OH, I HAVE SOME PREPARATIONS TO MAKE.
WHY AREN'T YOU ASLEEP PRINCESS?
ARE YOU SAD BECAUSE YOUR BROTHER IS GONE?
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
DID I SAY SOMETHING WRONG AGAIN?
DOES CONSTANTLY TREATING ME LIKE A CHILD SHIELD YOUR HEART?

AH, SUCH A DIFFICULT LITTLE GIRL...
STARING STRAIGHT AT ME WITH THOSE LARGE, BLACK EYES...
IS THIS WHAT YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAY YOU WANT ME TO LOOK UPON YOU AS A WOMAN?
AND AIMING HER FIRE DIRECTLY AT ME.
SHE'LL PROBABLY RUN AWAY LIKE A FIELD MOUSE, RUNT!
THEN...
IF I DRAW CLOSER...

?
PA-
NIG
ARE YOU JUST STANDING THERE!?
WHY...

SHE'S SUPPOSED TO SAY WORDS THAT CUT LIKE A KNIFE AND THEN TURN AND WALK AWAY!
PURPOSE OF THE BACKGROUND FLIPPING.
EXPECTED SCENARIO!!!
BUT AT THIS RATE...
I'D HAVE TO MAKE THE NEXT MOVE.

GOOD-NIGHT
BROTHER!
YOU STILL HAVEN'T COME TO S...?
.....
JUNE...
THAT BRUISE IS NO JOKE.
THAT LITTLE GIRL'S NOT CUTE AT ALL.
WHAT DOES SHE WANT FROM ME AGAIN?
..
BROTHER, SOMEHOW IT ALL SEEMS LIKE A FRANTIC EFFORT ON YOUR PART
HUH?

ACTUALLY YOU FIND HER LOVELY DON'T YOU?
SO LOVELY THAT YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN WHEN DEALING WITH HER.
BUT YOU KEEP TREATING HER LIKE A CHILD, BECAUSE OTHERWISE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CONTROL YOURSELF.
JUNE!
MY TALKATIVE YOUNGER BROTHER.
JUST HOW MUCH OF MY MIND HAVE YOU READ ALREADY?
I'M JUST FLUSTERED.
SHE'S DIFFERENT FROM ELENA AND THE COUNTESS.
SO, IT'S OBVIOUS THAT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TREAT HER.
RIGHT.
SHE'S NEITHER A SISTER NOR A LOVER.

ACTUALLY YOU FIND HER LOVELY, DON'T YOU?
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RORY
SHE'S NEITHER A SISTER NOR A LOVER.

AFTER THE PRINCES LEAVE, YOU WON'T SEE THEM FOR SOME TIME.
YOU FOOL.
THAT'S AN OFFICIAL PARADE FOR THE EVENT ATTENDANCE.
IF I SEE HIM OFF IN PUBLIC, IT ALSO SENDS AN OFFICIAL MESSAGE.
IT'S TOO EARLY FOR THAT
WHAT'S SO COMPLICATED ABOUT SEEING HIM OFF?
TELL ME ABOUT IT!
I WANT TO SEE HIS SATISFIED FACE UP CLOSE!
OH, WOW! PRINCE GLENWIN LEAPT UPON HIS HORSE.
WHOA! PRINCE JUNE SLIPPED AND PRINCE GLENWIN PULLED HIM UP
KAHH—!! HE'S SAILING! HE'S SO HANDSOME.
WH-WHAM
AH, THOSE TWO PRINCES ARE... HOW SHOULD I PUT IT... THEY'RE SO KIND, WARM, AND SHARE A DEEP BROTHERHOOD.
WHEN I LOOK AT THEM...

I FEEL AS IF IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO BE HAPPY WITH THEM.
ARE YOU CHANGE COME AND LOOK AT THESE WITH ME.
CREAK
THAT SEEMS TO BE THE STRENGTH OF THIS KINGDOM.
THEY DON'T WASTE THEIR ENERGY ON POLITICAL STRUGGLES. IN TURN, PUBLIC SENTIMENT DOESN'T BECOME FRAGMENTED EITHER.
THAT'S HOW DESPITE THEIR SMALL SIZE THEY CAN BE UNITED AND STRONG.

PLEASE TAKE CARE
BROTHER..
IN THAT
COLORIST
OF COLD
PLACES.

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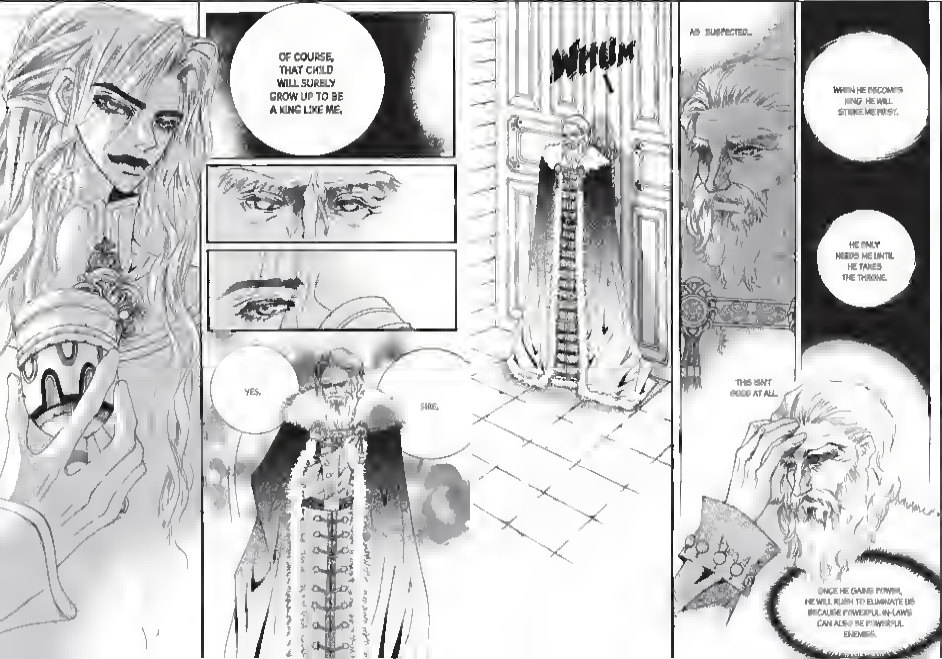
HMMM...
NOW THEN.
I WILL PROCEED, TRUSTING THAT I HAVE THE PLEDGE...
OF COOPERATION FROM ALL OF YOU, INCLUDING THE FATHER OF MY BRIDE.
FATHER-IN-LAW.
YES, SIRE.
THE SCALE WON'T TILT IN FAVOR OF THE OTHER SIDE ANYMORE, WILL IT?
ISN'T THAT THE MOST SECURE SEAL ON THE DEAL?
YOUR DAUGHTER SHALL BEAR A HEALTHY HEIR.


OF COURSE, THAT CHILD WILL SURELY GROW UP TO BE A KING LIKE ME.
YES.
SIRE.
WHUM
AS SUSPECTED...
WHEN HE BECOMES KING, HE WILL STRIKE ME FIRST.
HE ONLY NEEDS ME UNTIL HE TAKES THE THRONE.
THIS ISN'T GOOD AT ALL.
ONCE HE GAINS POWER, HE WILL RUSH TO ELIMINATE US BECAUSE POWERFUL IN-LAWS CAN ALSO BE POWERFUL ENEMIES.

BUT I HAVE ONE FINAL CARD TO PLAY
ONE THAT I CAN USE SO LONG AS A CHILD IS BORN
I, I'M SCARED OF YOUR FATHER.
I'VE NEVER EVEN LOOKED DIRECTLY INTO HIS EYES.
EVERY WHEN I LOOK AT YOUR FACE I'M SCARED

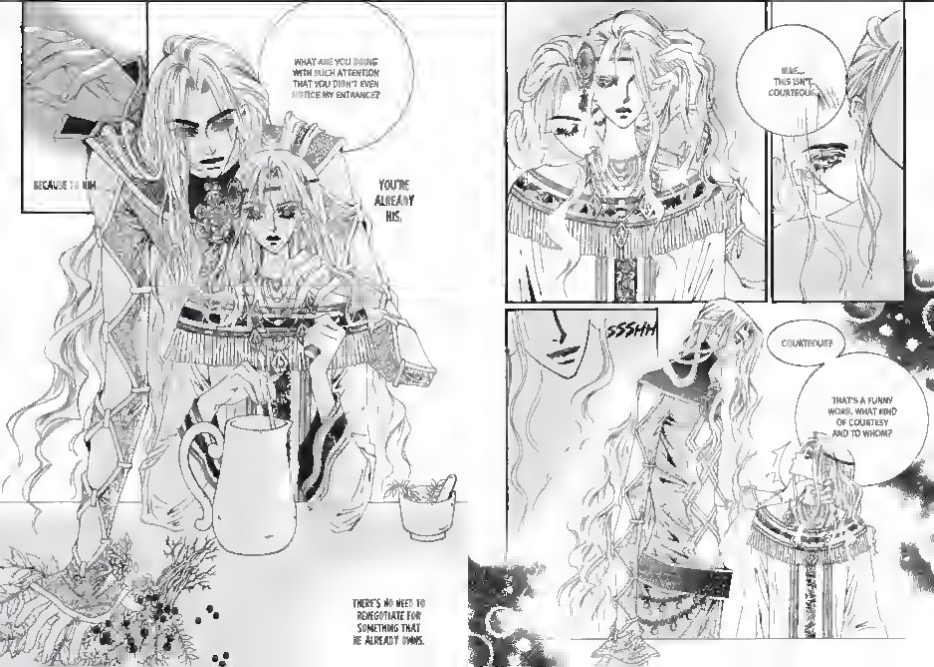
AH...
PFF...
HE SEEMS ORDINARY AGAIN NOW THAT WE'RE BACK AT THE PALACE.
LOOKS LIKE HE HAS SOMETHING ON HIS MIND THAT HE WON'T TELL ME... AM I REALLY THAT UNRELIABLE TO HIM?
JEDI
HUH? THAT VINCE IS...?
THE CROWN PRINCE
VINCE~! WHAT DO I DO? THIS IS IT, I'M DEAD. HELL FIGURE ME OUT FOR SURE IF WE MEET THIS TIME!

...BROTHER.
DID YOU TAKE CARE OF YOUR BUSINESS WELL?
YES, THANKS TO YOU
WHUP !
!
AH, AND HOW IS MY SISTER-IN-LAW?
MY WIFE ISN'T FEELING WELL, WE'LL TALK MORE LATER.

I DID GOOD, RIGHT?
YEAH.
JOB.
SERIOUS
YOUR HEART SPEEDS UP, TOO, SOMETIMES WHEN YOU SEE ME, RIGHT?
WHA... WHAT IS THAT?! WHY DO YOU ALWAYS FREEZE UP LIKE THAT MAKING ME FEEL ALL EMBARRASSED?
Pppp!
DAMN THERE ISN'T AN OUNCE OF CHARM IN HIM

PEEK
I SUPPOSE THAT ANSWERED YOUR QUESTION.
HMM!! THAT'D EXPLAIN MY MOUTH, BUT ANSWERED MY QUESTION!
BAKA... FORGET IT. HE MIGHT TURN INTO A STRANGE CHARACTER AGAIN IF WE'D ARGUING WITH HIM.
THIS CAN BE A DEADLY POISON IF YOU MISCALCULATE THE AMOUNT. YOU MUST NOT USE MORE THAN THREE DROPS. NEVER.
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO PROTECT HIM AND ENSURE THE SURVIVAL OF OUR TRIBE.

THAT'S FOR HIM TO BECOME KING.
THAT'S WHY WE MUST USE THIS OPPORTUNITY WISELY
WE CAN SURVIVE EVEN IF PRINCE DEATH TAKES THE THRONE
HOW LONG DO YOU THINK AN AGREEMENT CAN LAST BETWEEN PARTIES WHO SHARE A BITTER SECRET?
AND IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU AND THE TRIBE WILL BE AN ESSENTIAL CONVICTION FOR MEDITATING, THEY'RE EVEN MORE MISTAKEN.
ONCE HE ATTAINS HIS KINGSHIP HE WILL HAVE NO NEED FOR SECRETS THAT CHAIN HIM DOWN!


WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH SUCH ATTENTION THAT YOU DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE MY ENTRANCE?
BECAUSE TO HIM
YOU'RE ALREADY HIS.
THERE'S NO NEED TO NEGOTIATE FOR SOMETHING THAT HE ALREADY OWNS.
REAL... THIS ISN'T COURTEOUS.
SSSHH
COURTEOUS?
THAT'S A FUNNY WORD. WHAT KIND OF COURTESY AND TO WHOM?

THE BABY.
TO YOUR BABY THAT THE CROWN PRINCESS WILL BEAR.
SOMETIMES, I'M TRULY CURIOUS.
ARE YOU BRAVE OR DO YOU SIMPLY NOT FEAR ME?
AND IF YOU DON'T FEAR ME, WHY NOT?
BECAUSE YOU AREN'T FRIGHTENED OF THE DEATH THAT I CAN INFLICT UPON YOU AT ANY MOMENT?

IF THE BABY HAS BEEN CONCEIVED ALREADY, IT DOESN'T MATTER.
AND IF IT HASN'T BEEN CONCEIVED YET, IT DOESN'T MATTER EVEN MORE.

YOU WEAR THE SAME EXPRESSION FROM LAST TIME.
I'M SEEING THIS FACE FOR THE THIRD TIME. FIRST, WHEN I HELD YOU FOR THE FIRST TIME. SECOND, WHEN YOU RAN DOWN THE STAIRS. AND NOW THIS. IF IT'S THE SAME FACE, DO THEY ALSO HAVE THE SAME REASON BEHIND THEM?

KISS ME. YOU KISS ME.
I MUST CONFIRM THAT THOSE TEARS ARE NOT BECAUSE I HOLD YOU BY FORCE.
...I

...HOPELESS, I ALSO
EVEN WITH THAT FACE, MY DESIRE COMES BEFORE SYMPATHY
FORTU-NATELY YOU KNOW...
I DESPISE YOU!
YOU CAN SO EASILY SOMETHING THAT I CAN'T HAVE NOW EVEN IF I REVERSED MY LIFE FOR IT.
YET YOU SINCERELY SPEAK OF IT AS IF IT WERE WORTHLESS. I DESPISE YOU!

SO PITIABLE...
MY HEART ACHES...

MOTHER...

TRIBE LOOKS AND TOUCHES AMENT FOR HIM.

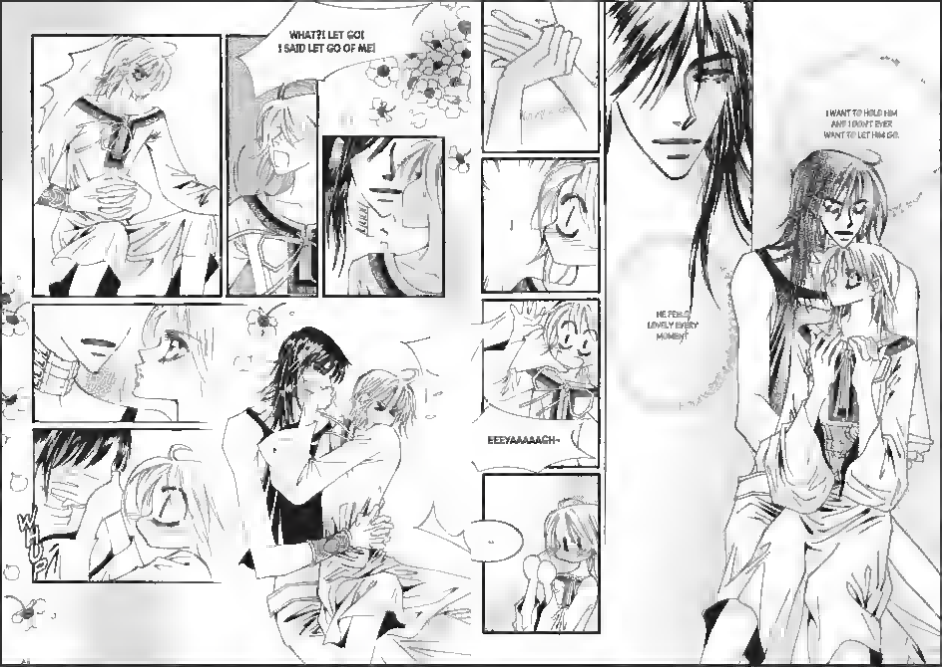
MOTHER, LOOK AT ME...

DO YOU CHERISH HIM?
DO YOU WANT TO PROTECT HIM?

EVERYTHING
IS IN MY HANDS NOW!

ONCE YOU DECIDE ON THE TIME AND INFORM ME I'LL GET STARTED IMMEDIATELY
IT CAN'T BE NEXT SPRING. THAT'S FATHER'S WEDDING. A DISASTER TURNS A CELEBRATION WILL BRING TOO MUCH ATTENTION.
...!?
AFTER THE WEDDING WILL BE TOO LATE. HE WILL HAVE TO ACT AS A PREGNANT WOMAN IN ADDITION TO HIS FEMALE DISGUISE. IT'S TOO UNBEARABLE.
JED.
WHICH LEAVES NOW AS THE BEST TIME...
JED.
JED!
...?
MUST WATCH THIS FACE LOOK ITS BREATH BEFORE MY VERY EYES...!
ARE YOU SICK? YOU LOOK PALE.

GULP
IS IT SAFE TO HOLD THAT HAND?
WHY DOES IT LOOK LIKE SOMETHING ELSE TO ME?
YOU PROBABLY SAW IT RIGHT. IF YOU STAB THIS HAND, YOUR DELICATE BODY WILL BE PIERCED BY MY FANGS.
I DON'T CARE ANYMORE. I WAS WORRIED, BUT NOW...!
I'M DELICATE?! (...+) I'M ALREADY EMBARRASSED AS IT IS. WHY DOES HE KEEP REMINDING ME?!?
EEEP!


WHAT?! LET GO!
I SAID LET GO OF ME!
AAAAH!
EEEYAAAAAGH-
WHO?
I WANT TO HOLD HIM
AND I DOUBT EVER
WANT TO LET HIM GO.
HE FEELS
LOVELY EVERY
MUNDAY

BUT THAT'S THE FUTURE...
THAT I WANT...
AND NOT THE FUTURE OF THIS CHILD.

WHEN I LET GO OF HIS HAND,
I'LL GROW UP IN A PLACE UNKNOWN TO ME...
AND BECOME AN ADULT AND THE MAN THAT HE WANTS TO BE.
BUT UNTIL THEN...

THIS MOMENT IN FRONT OF MY EYES...
BELONGS TO ME ETERNALLY, AS IT IS...
I'M LESS EMBARRASSED NOW THAT I'M NOT LOOKING AT HIS FACE.
OH, I CAN HEAR HIS HEART BEATING! *THU-THUMP, THU-THUMP*
!!
SHALL WE GO TO BED?

SHHHH...
DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT SO SERIOUSLY! YOU'RE REALLY TEASING ME, AREN'T YOU?
WOOM
PAHH
NOT OKAY... I'M STILL TOO YOUNG TO FEEL PLEASURE FROM IT! NO!!
WHAT IF I START CRAVING IT FIRST LATER...
I'LL LOOK TOO MUCH LIKE A PERVERT!
I DON'T WANT THAT!
I WANT TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE AND BECOME A WELL-BEHAVED ADULT!
THIS THOUGHT WAS WITH MY SHAME.
BUT HE'S ALREADY DONE SOMETHING TERRIBLY WRONG.
LIKE THIS WARMTH I'M FEELING...
STILL...
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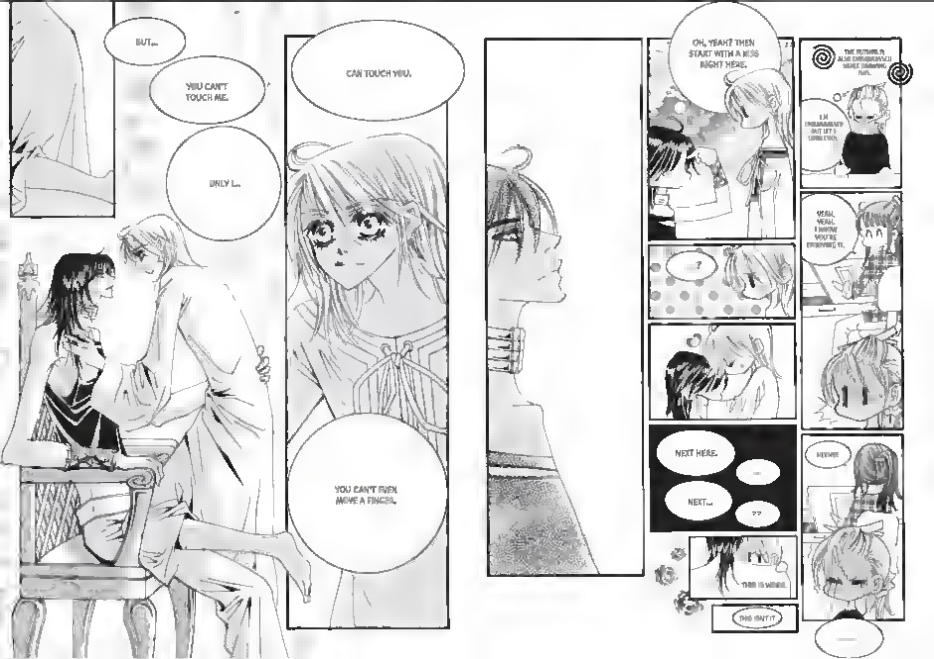
ALRIGHT. LET'S GO TO BED!


BUT...
YOU CAN'T TOUCH ME.
ONLY I...
CAN TOUCH YOU.
YOU CAN'T EVEN MOVE A FINGER.
OH, YEAH? THEN START WITH A KISS RIGHT HERE.
NEXT HERE.
...
NEXT...
??
THIS IS WEIRD.
THIS ISN'T IT.
MEHME

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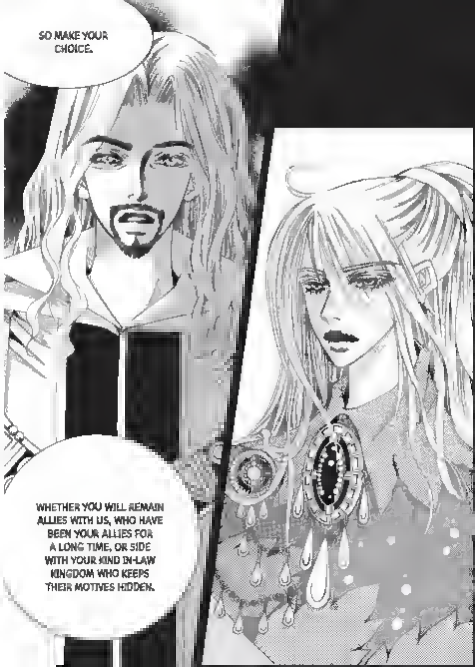
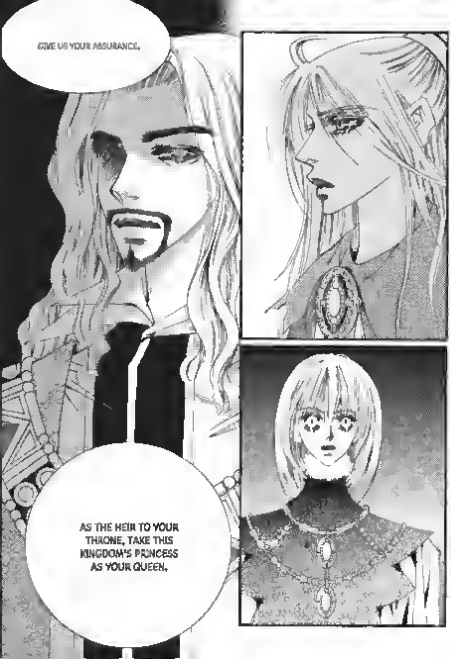
THE MEETING HAS ALREADY BEEN SET FOR TOMORROW?
THE COUNCIL ARRIVED EARLY AND REGAN SHORTLY THEREAFTER. THIS WAY, PLEASE.
FRIGHTENING
KREEK
MAY I PRESENT PRINCE GLEWYN AND PRINCE JUNE FROM THE ERIN KINGDOM.

SIR, IF I PUT IT DIRECTLY...
YOU'RE CLAIMING THAT YOU SENSE BETRAYAL FROM US.
OUR ALLIANCE IS A SURVIVAL MECHANISM THAT ENSURES OUR EXISTENCE. WE HAVE NO ALTERNATIVES.
THAT'S WHY WE CAN'T TOLERATE EVEN THE SLIGHTEST CRACKS.
SO BEFORE THE CRACK WIDENS...
WE MUST SEAL IT BY BINDING THE FATE OF THE ERIN KINGDOM TO OUR OWN.


SO MAKE YOUR CHOICE.
WHETHER YOU WILL REMAIN ALLIES WITH US, WHO HAVE BEEN YOUR ALLIES FOR A LONG TIME, OR SIDE WITH YOUR KIND IN-LAW KINGDOM WHO KEEPS THEIR MOTIVES HIDDEN.

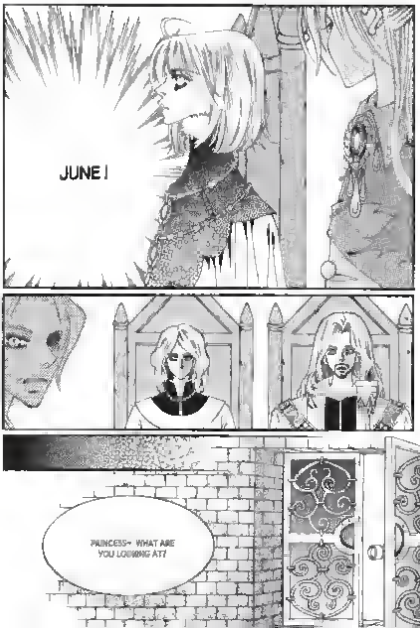
WE PREPARED THAT WEDDING AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS ALLIANCE.
WHY IS THAT SUDDENLY A PROBLEM NOW?
WE INITIALLY BELIEVED IT WAS MERELY A WEDDING OF CONVENIENCE. THAT'S WHAT WE NEEDED TO JUSTIFY AN ARMISTICE.
HOWEVER, PRINCE JED'S MOVEMENTS HAVE BEEN WORRYING US.
THE TRAFFIC BETWEEN YOUR KINGDOM AND HIS HAS BECOME MORE FREQUENT. HIS SISTER STAYS WITH YOU NOW. WOULDN'T ANYONE CONSIDER THAT A GREAT FRIENDSHIP?
FURTHERMORE, PRINCE JED COMMANDS THE LOYALTY OF HIS KINGDOM'S POWERFUL ARMY.
YOUR COUNTRY IS THE GEOGRAPHICAL ENTRY POINT TO THIS ALLIANCE.
WE CAN'T WATCH COMPLACENTLY AS WE HEAR THE TRAGIC NEWS OF YOUR KINGDOM BEING CONQUERED OVERNIGHT WITHOUT ANY SPILT BLOOD!
ABSURD!
SO?


GIVE US YOUR ASSURANCE.
AS THE HEIR TO YOUR THRONE, TAKE THIS KINGDOM'S PRINCESS AS YOUR QUEEN.

THE SOONER THE WEDDING, THE BETTER IT WILL BE.
YOU MIGHT CONSIDER ANNOUNCING THE WEDDING HERE ON THE PRINCESS' BIRTHDAY.
BY THE WAY—
AS I SAID...
THE CHOICE IS YOURS.

DIANE WHAT DOES HE MEAN THE CHOICE IS MINE? HE KNOWS THAT I CAN'T REFUSE OR ANNOY HIS FIANCÉE!
I CAN'T EVEN TELL THEM RIGHT NOW THAT JEB AND NICOLE WILL DIVORCE SOON...
I WILL.
MY LITTLE PRINCESS.
...I'M SORRY

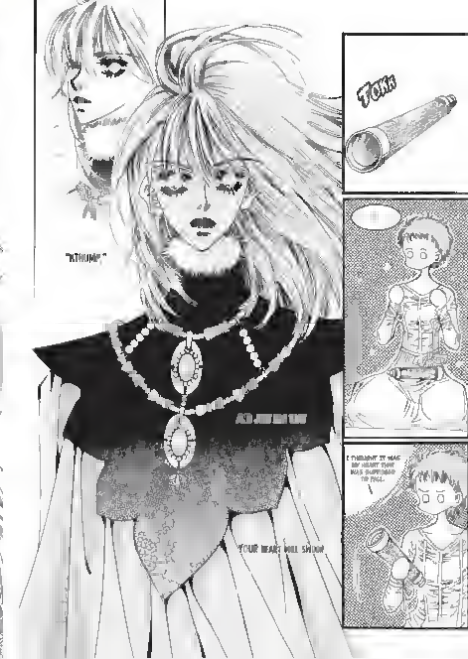
SORRY...


JUNE !
PRINCESS~ WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

MAY I WED THE PRINCESS, INSTEAD?

WHAT IF THE GUESTS ARE YOU?!
I ASKED WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT WITH YOUR HAIR EXPOSED FOR ALL TO SEE?! COME BACK HERE, PRINCESS.
WHICH OF THE TWO IS GLENWIN?
YOU'RE CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR FUTURE HUSBAND, AFTER ALL?
HE'S THE SPLENDIDLY GOOD-LOOKING ONE. ACTUALLY ALL THE PRINCES OF THAT KINGDOM ARE ATTRACTIVE.
BUT PRINCE GLENWIN IS THE MOST GORGEOUS OF THEM ALL~ HE'S THE SUBJECT OF NUMEROUS SCANDALS.

HEARTACHES? I DON'T THINK SO. IT'S JUST A ROYAL MARRIAGE ANYWAY
BUT "SPLENDIFERUS CROP-LOPPING" IS TOO SUBJECTIVE A DESCRIPTION...BE MORE PRECISE.
YOU'RE TOO INDIFFERENT AND INSENSITIVE ALL THE TIME. THAT'S WHY YOU LACK COMMON SENSE.
WHAT KIND OF A THUMP IS THAT?
YOU'LL KNOW WHEN YOU SEE HIM.
"KTHUMP!" AND JUST LIKE THAT YOUR HEART WILL SWOON.
YOU'RE MAKING LIBS AND LUTE SQUEAK


"KTHUMP"
YOUR HEART WILL SWOON
Tick
I THOUGHT IT WAS MY HEART THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO FAIL.

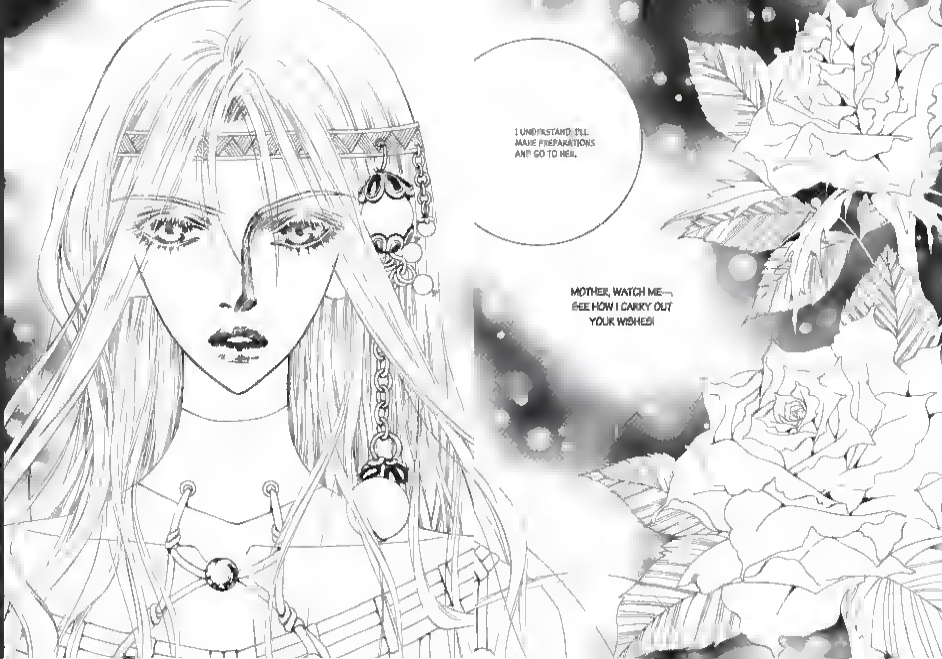
...JUNE?
AH, I SAW SOMETHING GLITTERING
HMM?
WHAT'S WITH THOSE FLOWERS?
A HAT AND FLOWERS?!?!?!
.....
THANKS, JUNE.
.....
I WASN'T ANY HELP.

I'M AFRAID THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.
WE WANT AN INDISPUTABLE CLAIM TO THE SUCCESSION OF THE ERIN KINGDOM.
EXCEPT FOR JUST ONE.
?
BROTHER, I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANY ROOM TO ESCAPE.
I KNOW

NOW
LET'S DECIDE.

NICOLE...

PARDON? PRINCESS ELENA FAINTED AGAIN?
YES! SHE GRABBED HER STOMACH AND FELL! HER NANNY IS WITH HER, BUT SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...
THIS MUST BE THE SIGNAL.


I UNDERSTAND. I'LL MAKE PREPARATIONS AND GO TO BED.
MOTHER, WATCH ME— SEE HOW I CARRY OUT YOUR WISHES!

SHAH!
SHH~ PRINCESS! THEY'LL HEAR YOU! QUIET, PLEASE!
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UHM... IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.
SINCE THAT INCIDENT
YOUR BROTHER
!
JEB TOLD ME TO DO THIS, SO...
KROOOSH

!
??
BLUP
IT'S ALL RIGHT
IT'S THE BLOOD
OF A SMALL
ANIMAL

OPEN THE DOOR AND SCREAM LOUD ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE TO HEAR.
A MISCARRIAGE?
YES, YOUR HIGHNESS, SHE WAS COVERED IN BLOOD AND CRYING.
THE APOTHECARY SAID HE TRIED EVERYTHING, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE.
HMM- IT SEEMS HE SUE CEDRIC THIS TIME.
I UNDERSTAND. LEAVE ME.
YES, YOUR HIGHNESS.

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE KING...
AND I LOVED YOU.
BUT YOU ABANDONED THE THRONE...
AND SO DIED MY LOVE
BUT
ALTHOUGH
HE IS KING..
MY LOVE CAN'T AWAKEN AGAIN.
IN THE END,
WAS IT...

YOU WARM I LOVED!
AM I SIMPLY AGING...

WHAT'S THAT?
OH~ GOSH, THAT YOUNG APOTHECARY SMOCKER! ME, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS ENTIRELY PLANNED AHEAD,
HOW CAN HE PERFORM IT SO SUCH A CALM MANNER WITHOUT SO MUCH AS BLINK BIG HIS EYES?
HE SEEMS SO COLD THAT HE'S BEYOND PRETTY. HE SCARES ME~
HE SURE HAS AN OMINOUS LOOK. THAT'S WHY HE'S ABLE TO SEDUCE MEN. THERE'S SO MUCH GOSSIP ABOUT HIM.
HOW COULD SIR JED TRUST HIM AND LEAVE HIM WITH THIS DUTY?
BLAH
BLAH
THIS MUST BE SOME SORT OF MEDICINE. I'M SUPPOSED TO DRINK IT THREE DAYS LATER.
THE MISCARRIAGE WAS FAKE. PERHAPS THE RECOVERY MEDICINE IS JUST FOR APPEARANCES?
BUT I LIKE HIM~ SHAHL. HE ALWAYS HAS A NICE SCENT AND HE'S SO PRETTY. MY HEART RACES WHEN I SEE HIM.

MY GOODNESS~!! YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO SIR JED NOTWITHSTANDING, YOU'RE A MAN, MY PRINCE! WHAT VULGAR THINGS ARE YOU SAYING?
I KNOW.
THAT'S WHY I LIKE HIM. I DOUBT THERE'S ANYONE PRETTIER THAN SHAHL, EVEN WOMEN.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF I HADN'T MET YOU THIS WAY
OH DEAR! SIR JED! WHEN DID YOU...?
HE SOMEHOW LOOKED CONFLICTED.
WHY?
BUT IT'S LOVE FOR AN OLDER WOMAN (...).
BUT HE SAID SOMETHING IS STRANGE WHEN HE GAVE ME THIS MEDICINE.
THEN, MAYBE HE'S NORMAL (?) IN HIS OWN WAY?
REALLY? IS THIS THE SAME AS HOW PRINCE GUWAIN FEELS AS AN UNCOMMON COUNTESS HEROINE?

? WHAT'S WITH HIS FACE THIS TIME?
I'LL WATCH OVER HIM. YOU MAY LEAVE.
YES, SIR JER.
THUD
WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU MAD?
IT WAS FAKE, BUT I STILL LOST YOUR CHILD TODAY
ON A DAY LIKE TODAY A HUSBAND IS SUPPOSED TO COMFORT HIS WIFE, NOT BE MAD.
EVEN IF THAT WIFE TALKS ABOUT ANOTHER MAN AND BLUSHES?

UMM, MAYBE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, BUT YOU JUST SOUNDED LIKE YOU WERE JEALOUS.
IF THAT MEANS I WANT TO HURT HIM SO BADLY THAT HE'S UNABLE TO TALK TO YOU OR EVEN LOOK IN YOUR EYES, THEN YOU'RE RIGHT.
COME HERE. LET ME HOLD YOU.
WHAT DO I DO?

I LIKE HIM
SO MUCH.
WHO IS IT AT THIS
TIME OF NIGHT?
SHARIVI

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# Boy Princess

WHY ARE YOU UNABLE TO SLEEP?
IT'S LATE FOR YOU TO BE WANDERING ABOUND ALONE AS WELL.

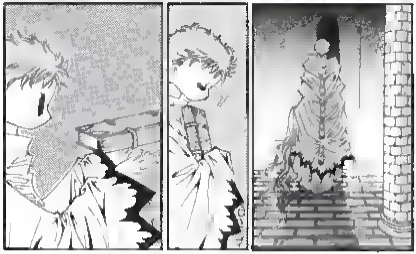
...
?
I'M NOT ALLOWED TO GO TO THE LIBRARY ANYMORE, SO I HAVE TO SNEAK IN.
SSHH
SHOOM
AN ALCHEMIST BOOK. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THAT SUBJECT?

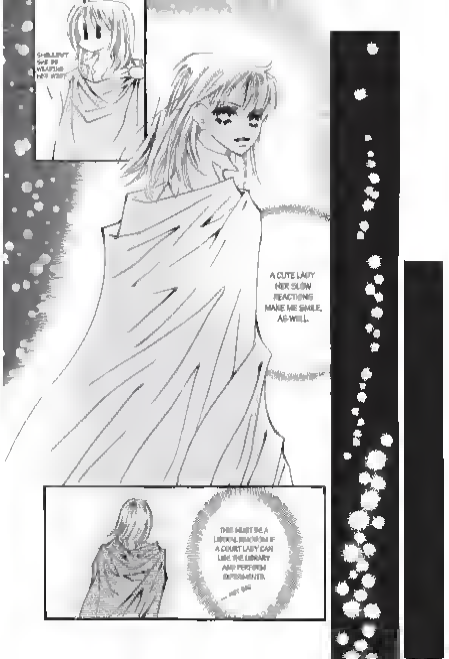
?
SHHFF

I BURNED MY HAIR DURING AN EXPERIMENT I MISMANAGED THE FIRE.
DO I LOOK AWFUL?
YOU LOOK DASHING.
HOW FAR DID YOU GET WITH THE EXPERIMENT?
UP TO THE YELLOW STAGE. I'LL GET TO THE RUBY STAGE SOON.
WOAH.
CLAP CLAP
HAPPY
WHEN I SUCCEED...

I'LL GIVE YOU THE FIRST GOLD I MAKE.
THAT'S VERY GRACIOUS OF YOU. I'LL PRAY FOR YOUR SUCCESS.
KYUHUMP
HA! WAS IT MY HEART?
WHAAAT?! IT WAS JUST THE BOOK!

GOOD NIGHT, THEN.




I WONDER IF SHE'S BEEN WEARING HER MASK?
A CUTE LADY WITH SLOW REACTIONS MAKE ME SMILE, AS WELL.
THIS MUST BE A LIBRARY. SEARCH IF A COURT LADY CAN USE THE LIBRARY AND PERFORM EXPERIMENTS.

WHY ARE YOU STANDING THERE? I TOLD YOU TO COME BE NEXT TO ME.
IF YOU HAVE BUSINESS WITH ME AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT, ISN'T IT OBVIOUSLY GOING TO TAKE PLACE IN BED?

WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT I'M SURPRISED SINCE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE COME ON YOUR OWN.
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.....
SUCH A STUBBORN BOY YOU SURE WON'T CHANGE.

HE'S A BOY.
HE'S PRINCE NICOLE, THE YOUNGEST PRINCE OF THE ERIN KINGDOM.

?
SIR JED'S WIFE.

YOU SAID JEP'S WIFE HAD A MISCARRIAGE TODAY.
IT WAS A TRICK ON OUR SIDE TO WIN SIR JEP'S TRUST

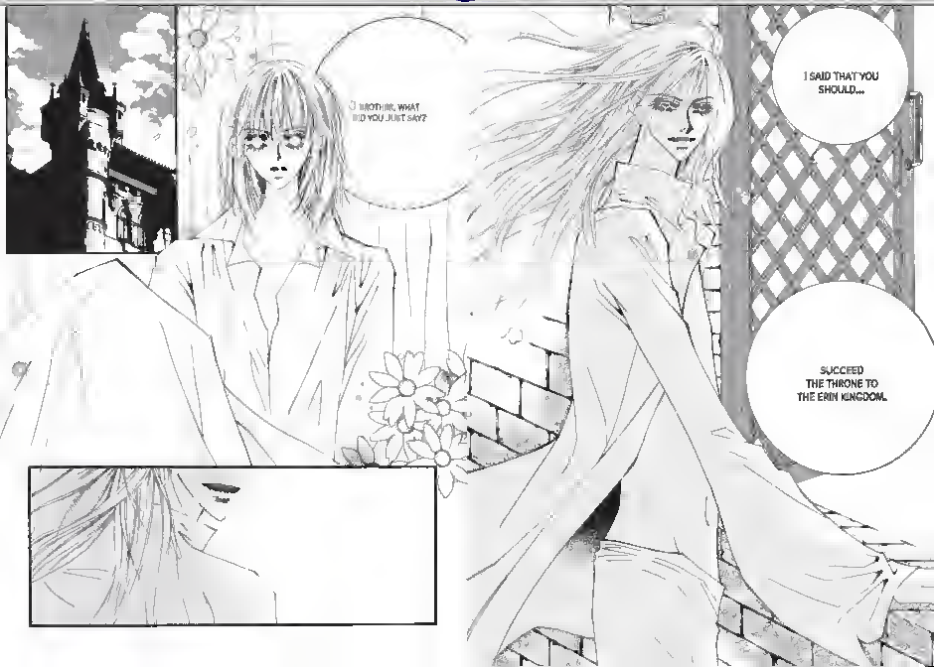
SIR JED DEARLY CHERISHES THAT LITTLE PRINCE. HE'S DESPERATE TO PROTECT HIM.
SO...
IF YOU USE THAT PRINCE AS BAIT, YOU CAN TRAP SIR JED.

ARE YOU WALKING A TIGHTROPE WITH THIS THIN NECK ON THE LINE?
WHY WOULD THAT OVERCAUTIOUS JED...
SEEK OUT AND ACCEPT HELP FROM YOUR TRIBE WHEN THEY MIGHT HAVE POISONED HIS MOTHER? AND HE KNOWS YOUR TRIBE BELONGS TO ME, AS WELL.

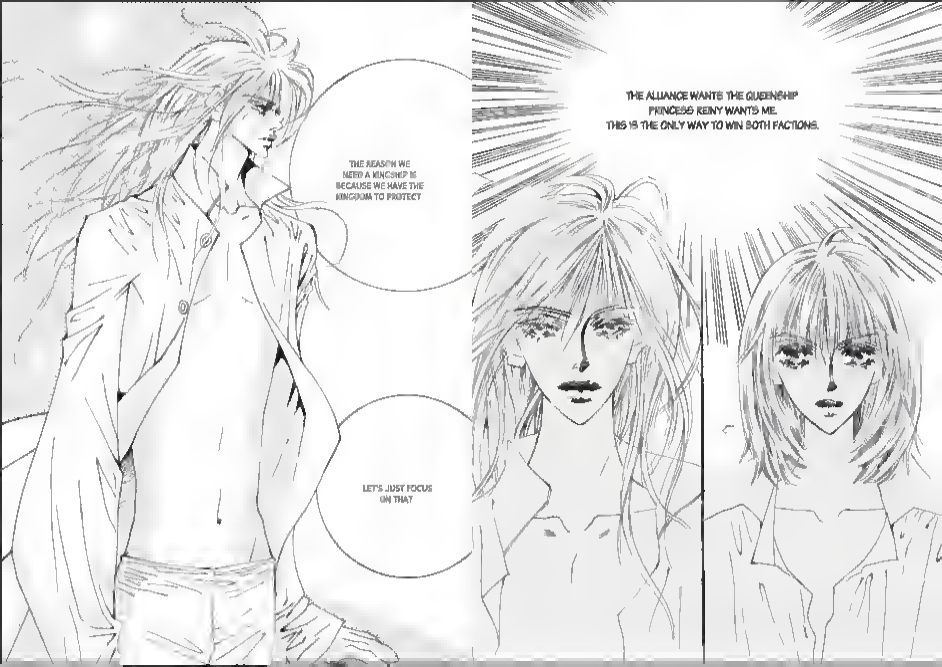
SO...
WILL YOU *OVERCAUTIOUSLY* WALK AWAY FROM THE OPPORTUNITY IN FRONT OF YOU?

SUSH...
IF THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT...
I'LL GLADLY PLAY ALONG.
LATER, IF IT TURNS OUT...
SUCH A SURPRISING BOY

THAT YOU AND YOUR TRIBE HELPED ME TRAP HIM, I'LL CONSIDER IT A TOKEN OF LOYALTY. AS WELL AS YOUR PEOPLE'S DESPERATE DESIRE TO SURVIVE.
EVEN IF THERE EXISTS AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE...
I'LL STILL BE THE ONE WHO MANIPULATES THIS OPPORTUNITY FIRST TO HUNT HIM DOWN. SO, I'M ALSO FINE WITH THAT.


BROTHER, WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
I SAID THAT YOU SHOULD...
SUCCEED THE THRONE TO THE ERIN KINGDOM.

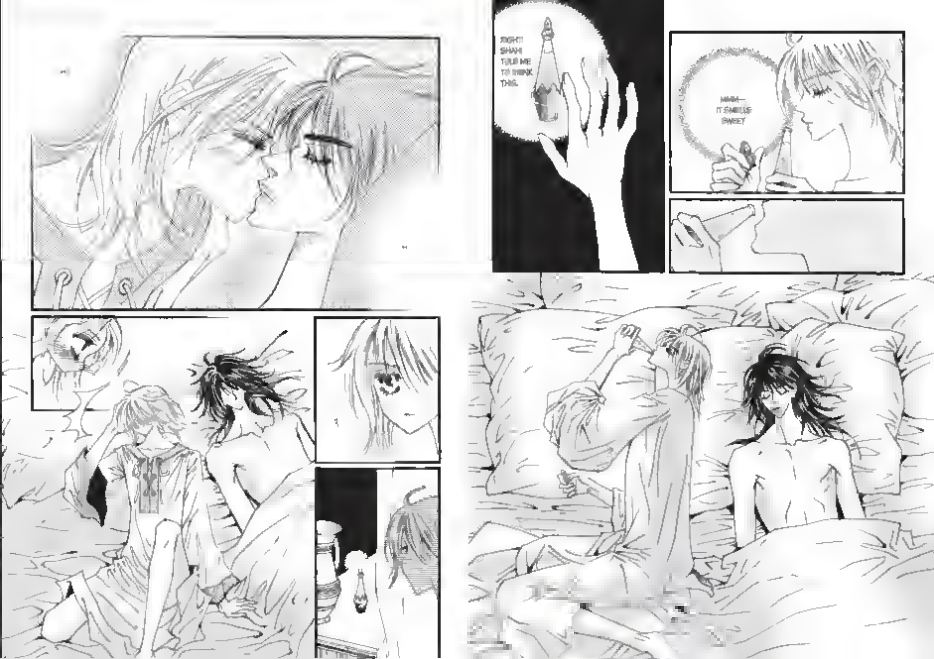
IS THAT THE LAST RESORT THAT YOU MENTIONED?
— I DID BEFORE YOU'D SAY THAT
YOU'RE CALM, WISE AND RIGHTEOUS, YOU'LL BE A GOOD KING.
JUNE, IT WASN'T EMPTY WORDS WHEN I MADE IT BEFORE AND IT CERTAINLY WON'T NOW
LET'S DO IT TOGETHER, JUNE. YOU HANDLE INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND I'LL TAKE FOREIGN RELATIONS - THAT'S ALL.


THE REASON WE NEED A KINGSHIP IS BECAUSE WE HAVE THE KINGDOMS TO PROTECT
LET'S JUST FOCUS ON THAT
THE ALLIANCE WANTS THE QUEENSHIP
PRINCESS REINY WANTS ME.
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO WIN BOTH FACTIONS.

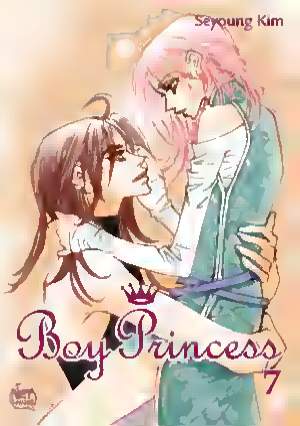
WE MUST NEVER LET GO OF OUR ALLIES' HANDS...
AND WE MUST RECONNECT THE INSECURE LINK THAT WILL BE BROKEN WHEN NICOLE COMES BACK.
PRINCESS KENNY MADE THE OFFER FIRST, BUT WE SHOULD'VE BEEN THE ONES WHO ADVANCED THE IDEA TO HER. AFTER ALL, SHE IS TRULY THE MOST SECURE AND LIVING PEACE AGREEMENT THAT WE CAN HOPE FOR.
ACTUALLY, I MANAGED TO COME UP WITH THIS SOLUTION ONLY BECAUSE YOU OPENED TO ME THE PRINCESS OF THIS KINGDOM IN MY PLACE.
THAT'S WHAT I'M SORRY ABOUT, JUNE.
IT'S THE NATURAL THING FOR A PRINCE TO DO WHEN CONSIDERING THE NATIONAL INTEREST.
PLUS, I GET HALF THE KINGSHIP, SO I GET MORE THAN MY SHARE.

BOY, IS OUR SECOND PRINCE FLUSTERED?
TO BE HONEST RATHER...
I DON'T KNOW...
WHETHER I'M SCARED...
IT'S PROUD OF YOU...
WHEN YOU SPEAK ALL OF THIS SO PLAINLY
I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO JUST LIKE ME.
LIKE NOW

HE'S SLEEPING A LOT
IS HE TIRED?
...
IS THIS HOW
A VOYEUR FEELS?
HE SMILED
CRAZILY TO HIMSELF
AGAIN!


FIGHT! SHAHI TULIP ME TO DRINK THIS.
MMM— IT SMELLS SWEET

HUH. HOW LONG
DID SLEEP?
I MUST'VE BEEN
RELAXED. WHY—
NICOLE?—?
WHY IS YOUR HAND
SO COLD?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